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USDEL TAIF FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

DEPARTMENT FOR S/S - EX

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.), IS, US
SUBJECT: SECVISIT: CHANGES IN SCHEDULE

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1. BECAUSE OF THE DEPARTURE OF THE SECRETARY'S PARTY
AT 0800 HOURS INSTEAD OF 0900 HOURS, IT APPEARS TO US
UNWISE TO SCHEDULE A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE AIRPORT ON
DEPARTURE. WE HAVE, THEREFORE, SUGGESTED TO THE
ISRAELIS, AND THEY HAVE AGREED, THAT WE SCHEDULE THE
SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE AT 1630 HOURS ON
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10 AT THE KING DAVID. THE MEETING WITH OPPOSITION
LEADER PERES HAD ALREADY BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR 1545
HOURS AND THE RECEPTION AT DAYAN'S RESIDENCE HAD
SLIPPED TO 1830 HOURS. SCHEDULING THE PRESS CONFERENCE
BETWEEN THESE EVENTS APPEARS TO US TO BE THE
BEST WAY TO ENABLE THE PRESSMEN TO HAVE AN
OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY IN A
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DIGNIFIED MEETING; A SHORT MEETING AT 0730 HOURS
THE NEXT MORNING AT THE AIRPORT WOULD BE MUCH
LESS DESIRABLE. WE NEED APPROVAL AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE TO THIS CHANGE. THE SECRETARY MAY WISH
TO CONSIDER ASKING DAYAN TO JOIN HIM AT THE
PRESS CONFERENCE. (MFA HAS INFORMED US DAYAN MAY HOLD A PRESS
BRIEFING AT 1900 HOURS AUGUST 9.)

2. DEPARTURE FROM THE HOTEL FOR BEN-GURION AIRPORT WOULD NOW BE SCHEDULED AT 0700 HOURS ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 11. THE MOTORCADE COMPOSITION WILL BE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT, INASMUCH AS MINISTER AND MRS. DAYAN, AS WELL AS AMBASSADOR AND MRS. LEWIS, WILL GO DIRECT TO BEN-GURION FROM TEL AVIV RATHER THAN FROM JERUSALEM.

3. AT ITS MEETING AUGUST 7, THE CABINET DECIDED THAT THE ISRAELI PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETINGS WITH THE SECRETARY WOULD INCLUDE BEGIN, DAYAN, WEIZMAN, SHARON, BURG AND EHRLICH. WE HAVE NOW BEEN INFORMED BY THE MFA THAT THREE OTHER PERSONS WILL PARTICIPATE: ATTORNEY GENERAL BARAK, DINITZ AND EVRON. OUR SIDE AT PRESENT IS LISTED AS EIGHT (OFFICIAL PARTY PLUS LEWIS). NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE INITIAL MEETING WITH DAYAN WILL INCLUDE ONLY TWO OTHER ISRAELIS, EVRON AND DINITZ.

4. THE LUNCHEON HOSTED BY DAYAN ON AUGUST 10 WILL BE AT THE PLAZA INSTEAD OF THE HILTON. ISRAELI PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE DAYAN, BARAK, DINITZ, EVRON, MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL ALON, MFA LEGAL ADVISOR ROSENNE, MFA DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS RAVIV AND DAYAN'S TWO AIDES. WE HAVE SAID THE U.S. PARTICIPANTS

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WILL INCLUDE THE SECRETARY'S OFFICIAL PARTY PLUS LEWIS AND CRUMP.
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